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C. A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its re-registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on SATURDAY, the 4th May, 1919, at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1918.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 29th day of April, to MONDAY, the 6th day of May, 1919, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, April 24, 1919. 333

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Hongkong Ice Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong, MONDAY, the 6th day of May, 1919, at 12 o'clock Noon when the following resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 18th day of April, 1918, will be submitted for Confirmation as special resolutions:

(1) That it is expedient to effect an amalgamation of this Company with the Dairy Farm Company, Limited, and that with a view thereto this Company be wound up voluntarily and that Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited, be and they are hereby appointed Liquidators for the purpose of such winding up.

(2) That the conditional Agreement submitted to the meeting for the amalgamation of this Company with the Dairy Farm Company, Limited, upon the terms (inter alia) of the acquisition by that Company of the complete undertaking, business, goodwill and property of this Company in return for the issue to this Company of 52,000 Shares of the nominal value of £7.50 each, credited as fully paid up being eight shares of £7.50 each and of that Company for each share of £7.50 of this Company) and of the issue by the Dairy Farm Company Limited to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited, the General Managers of this Company (upon their entering into restrictive covenants which have been agreed upon and by way of bonus as compensation for their loss of office as General Managers of this Company) of 2,000 shares of the Dairy Farm Company Limited of the nominal value of £7.50 each credited as fully paid up and the same is hereby approved and that the Liquidators be and they are hereby authorised pursuant to Section 183 of the Companies Ordinance 1911 to adopt the said Agreement and carry the same into effect with such (if any) modification either before or after the execution thereof as the said Liquidators may think expedient.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 10th May, 1919, both days inclusive. Dated the 16th day of April, 1919.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers. 333

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, St. George's Buildings on SATURDAY, the 11th May, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1918, and electing Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 12 o'clock noon April 27th to 12 o'clock noon May 11th.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
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Hongkong, April 26, 1919. 362

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTEENTH YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Buildings, at 11 A.M., on FRIDAY, the 17th May, 1919, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1918, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th May to the 17th May, 1919, both days inclusive.

THE CHINA-BORNEO Co., Ltd.
W. G. DARBY,
General Manager.

Hongkong, May 2, 1919. 383

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Underwritten on FRIDAY, the 17th May, 1919, at Noon.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd May to the 17th May, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, April 25, 1919. 384

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Hongkong, May 2, 1919. 385

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Hongkong, April 10, 1919. 319

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Hongkong Mar. 28, 1919. 382

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Hongkong, April 30, 1919. 370

NOTICE.

JOHN BELL IRVING, Junior, DALLAS, GERALD MERCER, BERNARD THOMAS SHAW FORREST and ALFRED BROOKS SMITH have this day been admitted Members of and authorised to Sign the name of our Company.

We have authorised WILLIAM SHERR LOCK DUPRE and CHARLES WILLIAMSON BROWNE to Sign for the Company "per procurationem."

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, May 1, 1919. 372

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.

APPLICATION has been made to the Directors of this Company to issue to WALTER DOUGLAS GRAHAM of Hongkong (deceased), a Duplicate Certificate of Sixty Shares in the Company or other Certificate or Certificates in lieu thereof upon the statement that the Original Certificate No. 1909 for shares numbered 28775/28834 and dated 11th January, 1909, has been LOST or DESTROYED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that if within 30 days from the date hereof no claims or representation in respect of such Original Certificate is made to the Directors they will proceed to deal with such application for a Certificate.

M. MANUK,
Secretary.

Dated 4th day of April, 1919. 369

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JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY.

STATEMENT BY THE NEW MINISTER.

Baron Goto, the new Minister for Foreign Affairs, has actively taken over the details of his new office on the 26th ult. when he held a reception of all the chiefs de mission.

After the reception Baron Goto granted a special interview to a representative of the Kokusai Agency.

He said:—"In these days there should be no call for a declaration by the Secretary for Foreign Affairs of one of the nations allied in the common cause for which we have taken up arms and for which we are pledged to stand together until victory, and peace have been secured."

"Nevertheless I recognise the importance, especially at this time, of guarding against insidious propaganda, which is particularly busy when there is an opportunity to plant the seeds of suspicion and distrust."

"I therefore welcome this opportunity to declare that there is no foundation of truth in the suggestion of a change of policy or a lessening of its loyalty to all engagements because of the part of this Government because of a change in personnel due solely to the regrettable illness of the former Minister for Foreign Affairs."

"It ought to be enough to say that Japan is one of the Allies. Japan is always loyal to her engagements and faithful to her friends, which is a leading principle of our foreign policies. Next we have the centre pivot of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance and our engagements with the United States and other countries, notably the Lansing-Ishii Notes exchanged in Washington last October."

"Then there are our long and lasting friendship with the Allied Powers and also our sincere desire for good relations and co-operation with Russia and China."

"We are watching the course of events in Europe with the deepest interest. The magnificent patriotism, courage, self-sacrifice and genius of the Allied armies and navies have

won the admiration and sympathy of all Japanese."

"Now we have before us the single-hearted devotion of America, united as never before under a wise President whose calm courage and steady purpose have made him to-day one of the foremost of the world's great statesmen."

"Like the rest of the world, Japan longs for peace but does not and will not shrink from war where the cause is just or her honour and national safety are menaced. Japan has done and will continue to do what may be within her power as one of the Allies. Our friends must not forget that Japan, three and a half years ago, made common cause against Germany and Austria. We have given a guarantee to maintain the peace of the Far East. We have done so. We have cleared the enemy from the Pacific and from the Indian Oceans. Our ships of commerce are, within all reasonable measure of our resources, loaned to our Allies for their use."

"There has been no effort on the part of Japan to conceal our loyalty. On the contrary, we have stood upon the house-top to declare our unalterable faith in the outcome of the war and our unchangeable fealty to the Allied cause."

"We seek the friendship, co-operation and assistance of China. We ask China to disentangle herself from old prejudices and the maze of intrigue planted and fostered by the enemy. Just now complete unity is essential to victory. The Lansing-Ishii notes even have been used by the enemy to create ill-will in China, the enemy to create ill-will in China, but we feel now that the Chinese Government understands the entire friendliness of Japan. We seek the full co-operation of China for our mutual protection and advantage."

With regard to Russia, Baron Goto said that the situation had afforded much comfort to the enemy but, above all, an opportunity to increase

the activity of his malevolent propaganda. Such a propaganda was now going on in Siberia, more particularly with a view to an estrangement between Japan and Russia as well as between America and Japan. For instance, the landing of a few British and Japanese marines at Vladivostok, a natural local occurrence, had been magnified out of all proportion.

Japan has not for a moment made light of the spread of this inimical influence in Eastern Siberia, both as a menace to Japan and China but also as against the Allies.

Neither has Japan lost sight of the fact that Russia is a Power endeavouring to reorganise a machine which is temporarily out of order. Japan must give encouragement, assistance and support to the work of reorganisation. We trust the sound sense of the Russian people will not be misled by the reports circulated to keep these two neighbours apart.

"Finally I repeat there is no change, nor will there be any change, in the policy of this Government because of the changes in the Cabinet. We will maintain the peace of the Far East and will help our neighbours and friends to the limit of our capacity."

Baron Goto gave his first reception on the 26th ult. to the Diplomatic Corps. The Chinese Minister conversed with him in Japanese, being the only diplomat present who did not require an interpreter.

The distinguished Chinese visitors in Tokyo are pleased with the appointment of Baron Goto.

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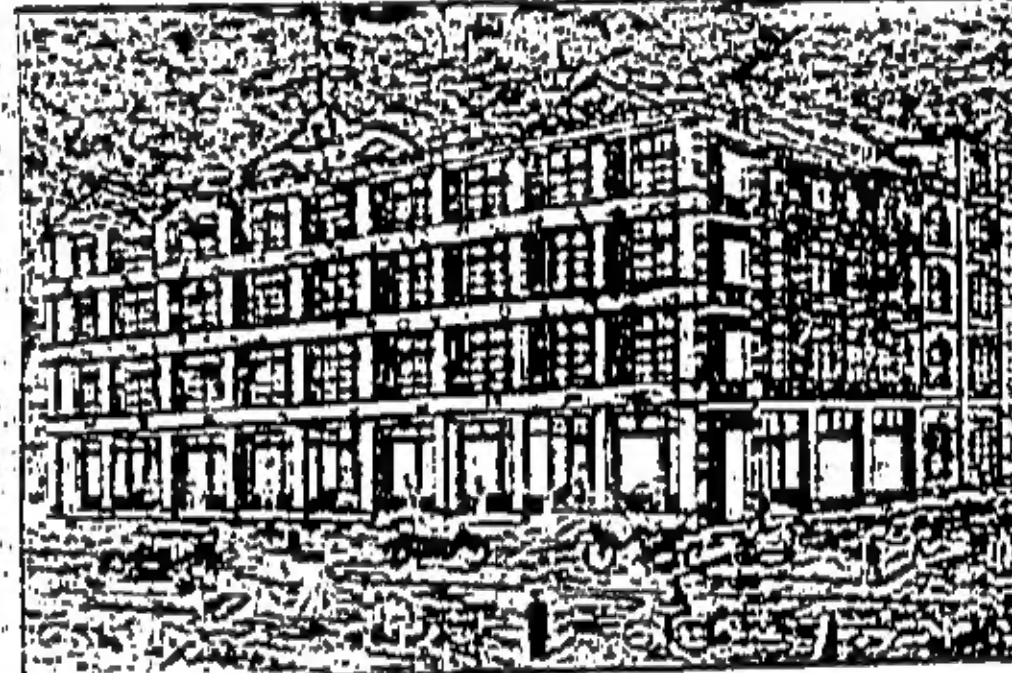
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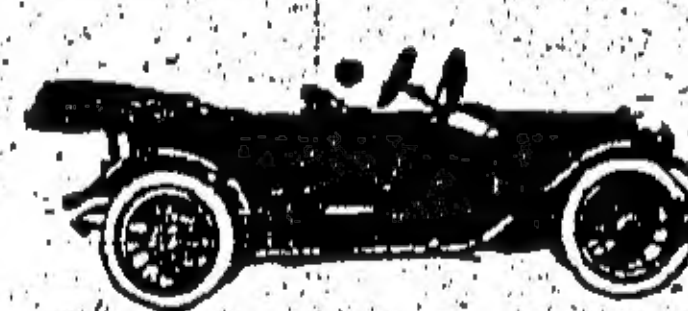
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TELEGRAMS.

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FIGHTING IN PALESTINE.

TURKS CAPTURED NEAR ESSALT.

London, May 1.

A Palestine official report states:—Early in the morning yesterday our forces eastward of Jordan attacked the enemy, holding the foothills southward of Essalt.

Our mounted troops moving northwards along the east bank of the river and turning eastward were within two miles of Essalt by nightfall.

We took 200 prisoners by noon and we advanced our line westward of the Jordan to the maximum depth of a mile in the vicinity of Mezra, occupying the village and the high ground westward, after a slight resistance.

During the recent attacks in the Maan area the Arabs took 500 prisoners.

BAGDAD UNDER THE BRITISH.

COUNTRY MADE PROSPEROUS IN ONE YEAR.

CONTENTMENT AND SECURITY.

London, May 1.

A Bagdad telegram states that the results of a year of British military administration of the Bagdad vilayet are highly satisfactory. Land, untilled for many years, is bearing crops, roads and railways have been energetically developed, sanitation has been improved, dispensaries for civilians have been established, and friendly relations prevail everywhere between the civil population and the British soldiers, who respect local prejudices, associate with the population and help them whenever they can. Trade is reviving and transport is unprecedentedly secure. Prices of commodities are falling.

Owing to the British developing irrigation which the Turks have neglected, over 300,000 acres have been brought under cultivation. The greatest harvest in the memory of man is probable, saving thousands of tons of transport by rail, river and sea, enriching the cultivators and bringing the settlement content.

BRITAIN'S ADMIRATION FOR FRENCH FEATS.

LORD DERBY'S NEW MISSION.

—PARIS, May 2.

Cordial speeches have been exchanged between M. Poincaré and Lord Derby on the occasion of the latter's presentation of his credentials as the new Ambassador.

Lord Derby voiced the deep British admiration for the splendid feats of arms of the French and declared that the feeling which determined the British Empire's entry into the war was as strong as ever. The same determination exists to spare nothing in order to ensure victory from which a lasting peace would result.

M. Poincaré replied felicitously.

HIGHEST BUDGET IN HISTORY.

PASSED WITH BRIEF DISCUSSION.

London, May 2.

The highest Budget in the history of the world is passing easily through the House of Commons.

The total taxation involved is £812,000,000, but the House of Commons has confirmed all the necessary resolutions after a brief and tranquil discussion. The new sugar duty was confirmed by 141 votes to 56, and the majority of the other increases in taxation were agreed to. There was little debate, the resolutions having been adopted on the report. The Bill was introduced and read a first time.

RECRUITING IN AUSTRALIA.

AN M.P. ENLISTS.

Melbourne, May 2.

Recruiting continues to improve. Mr. Holman, member of the Federal Parliament for Melbourne, has enlisted.

THE IRISH TROUBLE.

SIR EDWARD CARSON'S ADVICE.

London, May 2.

Sir Edward Carson has written to the Secretary of the Irish Southern Unionist Committee declaring that it is a little short of insanity to reopen the question of Home Rule in the midst of a very grave European crisis.

SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES IN STORE.

The Daily News Lobby Correspondent says the Government will experience serious difficulties with its Irish policy. Several Peers have refused the Viceroyalty. The Committee drafting the Home Rule Bill has settled nothing, except the preamble proclaiming the "federal principle." There is little hope of the Bill being introduced in the House of Commons next week.

The Conservative opposition to the Home Rule Bill has stiffened. A meeting at the House of Commons yesterday, presided over by Mr. Busheven, appointed a deputation to urge on Mr. Walter Long that in the Home Rule Bill ports, harbours, the post office and railways be reserved to the Imperial Parliament.

It is not improbable that the Government will for the time being abandon both Home Rule and conscription.

The Daily Chronicle's Correspondent at Dublin says: There is almost incredible improvement of feeling in Ireland in consequence of the appointment of Mr. Short, who is not merely a Home Ruler but also voted with the Nationalists against conscription.

CANADA'S WAR EXPENDITURE.

CANADA'S DETERMINATION.

Ottawa, May 1.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Maclean, acting Minister of Finance, stated that the year's war expenditure amounted to \$69,000,000 and the total since the outbreak of war to \$175,000,000. Canada's net debt was \$240,000,000.

It is estimated that the deficit for the current year will be \$58,000,000, to be provided by loans raised in Canada.

Mr. Maclean said that since December 1, 1915, a domestic War Loan agreement was made exceeding \$149,000,000, of which the Canadians subscribed \$140,000,000. Canada advanced to Great Britain for purchases in Canada \$40,000,000, which was double of what Great Britain paid to Canada for the upkeep of the Overseas Canadians.

The ensuing year's commitments would total \$108,000,000, of which the war expenditure would be \$85,000,000 and advances to the Imperial Government \$23,000,000. The estimated receipts from all sources would be \$140,000,000.

The prohibition of the importation of spirits and beer during the war would entail an annual loss of \$3,000,000.

In an eloquent peroration, Mr. Maclean reiterated Canada's determination to continue the war effort and to see that the distinguished and noble part she has played shall not diminish for lack of resources.

GERMAN DEMANDS ON HOLLAND.

NOTHING KNOWN OF THEIR PRECISE NATURE.

AMSTERDAM, May 1.

The Dutch Press is still unaware of the precise nature of Germany's demands and the Dutch answer to them, but it is taken for granted that they included inter alia that German sea-going vessels might use the western Scheldt and Holland had refused passage.

Interviewed by the Petit Journal, M. Holdert, Director of the newspaper Telegraph, expressed the opinion that Germany had tried the effects of pressure and violence on Holland and Switzerland and latterly decided that the time was inopportune for an attack on either. "It is the splendid Franco-British resistance," M. Holdert said, "that has saved Holland for Germany cannot without the aid of the Allies attack Holland." M. Holdert affirmed that the German fleet in Holland realised that Germany will be defeated.

AMERICA'S NEW SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMME.

INCLUDES 200 WOODEN SHIPS.

WASHINGTON, May 2.

Mr. Hurley, Shipping Controller, states that the new shipping programme includes 200 wooden vessels of 4,500 tons each.

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, April 30.

The Silver Market is steady.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE BATTLES IN FLANDERS.

HEAVY ENEMY LOSSES.

London, April 30.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—The French took 94 prisoners in last night's counter-attack at L'Orca. Further reports confirm that the enemy's losses were most heavy in yesterday's unsuccessful attack.

There has been no infantry action today, except local fighting.

Our patrols brought in prisoners southward of the Somme.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG CONGRATULATES TROOPS.

London, May 1.

The Press Bureau states that Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig has congratulated the Ninth Division on its great gallantry at Wytschaete, Lys and on many other occasions southward of Arras, the Twenty-Fifth Division on its courage, enterprise and resolution in the counter-attack of April 28; the Thirty-First Division on its fine fighting qualities at Lys and southward of Arras; the Forty-Ninth Division on its valuable service in checking the enemy, northward of Arras; the Twenty-first Division on its gallantry and resolution southward of Arras and northward of Lys and the Nineteenth Division on its determined courage southward of Arras and southward of Ypres.

MONT KEMMEL MAY PROVE DEATH TRAP.

London, May 1.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing today, says: Activity on the battle front during the past twenty-four hours has been confined to artillery.

The French and British batteries constantly shelled Mont Kemmel. Unless the enemy can push on beyond this isolated fastness he may find the trap of a death trap. The real advantage of Kemmel to the enemy is tactical and he is now committed to push on and capture the whole chain to Mont Cast.

CONFIDENT TONE OF THE BRITISH PRESS.

A TEN-MILE GERMAN FAILURE.

London, May 1.

As details of Monday's fighting are received, confirming it to be the worst day the enemy has experienced since the opening of the great offensive, the papers, hitherto reticent in view of possible fluctuation of the battle, now of confidence they have not as yet displayed. As the Times says: "Of all the violent combats witnessed in the last few weeks we know of none which is a more hopeful augury for the Allies than this ten-mile German failure." It is pointed out that the public is apt to reckon victory in terms of offensive success, but a defensive victory like that of Monday may contribute equally towards the ultimate object of the campaign, namely, the destruction of the enemy's fighting strength.

A FORTNIGHT OF COMPLETE ENEMY FAILURE.

From this point of view, the Germans, despite their spectacular successes, can be regarded as having had the worst on a balance of nearly six weeks' fighting, for it must not be forgotten they have sustained a series of disastrous repulses, of which Monday's was the most bloody, during the past fortnight. Indeed, apart from the capture of Kemmel, there has been one complete failure including four separate defeats in pitched battles, namely, La Bassée Canal, the Belgian front, Villers Bretonneux and now the Battle of Ypres front. The cumulative effect of this has been to immensely increase the confidence of the British and French troops, whose Correspondents describe as now feeling that they have got the measure of the new enemy divisions.

Other strokes will doubtless come before the German reserves are exhausted but confidence is felt that wherever the Germans try they will find the Allies ready.

HOPE OF SAVING YPRES GROWING.

Now that the attack of no fewer than a hundred thousand Germans has been broken in a sheer trial of strength on ground none too favourable for a thinner force, and if now looks a though their appearance at Ypres is about to be repeated. The loss of Ypres will be less serious than the loss of Verdun.

would then have been, but now that the Allies have shown the ability to hold positions with a force small when compared with their assailants it may be advantageous to hold Ypres and continue to inflict enormous losses.

GERMANY'S HANDS FULL.

The Correspondents emphasize that everything favoured the Germans on Monday. They had magnificent artillery support, a favouring fog, innumerable machine-guns, masses of men and a limited objective; yet they failed after experiencing a day of steady slaughter which only slackened with the fading light. The British alone, between La Clytte and Zillebeke, defeated five German Divisions, but French valour is praised in the highest terms. They were fighting alongside the British, their batteries firing on the same fields, in a spirit of the most loyal co-operation.

The Daily News concludes a hopeful editorial regarding the whole position by saying: The new British advance in Mesopotamia threatens the most vulnerable heel of the German's military system and things are not going too well in Russia. The fact that Germany wants the prisoners in Russia back on her own terms throws some light on the state of her manpower problem, nor is it clear that Germany's effort to browbeat Holland is working to her advantage. Added to her economic anxieties Germany has her hands pretty full.

GERMAN REPORT.

London, April 30.

A wireless German official message says:—We captured several English trenches northward of Voormezele and Ypres.

The French re-captured L'Orca.

NO CONFERENCE WITH GERMAN SOCIALISTS POSSIBLE.

BRITISH LABOUR ATTITUDE.

London, May 2.

Mr. Arthur Henderson has specifically informed the Evening Standard that no conference with the German Social Democrats is now possible until they have accepted the position of no annexations, no punitive indemnities and the right of self-determination and until they are ready to press their Government to apply these principles honestly and unreservedly to every question of political and territorial readjustment may have to deal.

Mr. Henderson expressed himself most decidedly against doing anything likely to embarrass the Government or hinder the war.

ENEMY'S RUTHLESS SUBMARINE WARFARE.

BRITAIN ESTABLISHES A PROHIBITED AREA.

London, May 1.

The Admiralty announces that owing to Germany's unrestricted and ruthless warfare by mines and submarines against all shipping, Britain notifies the establishment on May 15 of a prohibited area enclosed by a line joining the following positions:—Firstly, latitude 59.12' north, longitude 4.49' East, secondly lat. 59.29' and long. 3.10' East, thirdly lat. 58.25' and long. 0.50' West, fourthly lat. 59.29' and long. 0.50' West, fifthly lat. 60.21' and long. 3.104' East, sixthly lat. 60.00' and long. 4.56' East and thence along the western limit of Norwegian territorial waters to the first position.

Y.C. FOR TWO AIRMEN.

INCREDIBLE DARING AND BRAVERY.

London, May 1.

The Victoria Cross has been awarded to two officers of the Royal Air Force. Lieut. Allan Jerrard attacked five enemy aeroplanes and shot down one on fire. He then attacked an enemy aerodrome from a height of fifty feet and engaged single-handed 19 machines which were landing or attempting to rise and destroyed one of them. Subsequently, although attacked by a large number of machines, he went to assist the pilot of his patrol who was in difficulties and destroyed a third enemy machine. Thereafter he attacked fresh enemy machines from the aerodrome and only retreated still engaged with five enemy machines, when ordered to retire by his patrol leader. Although apparently wounded, he repeatedly attacked, single-handed, the pursuing machines until he was overwhelmed by numbers and driven down.

Second Lieut. Allan McLeod, whilst flying with his observer, Lt. A. W. Hammond bombing and machine-gunning hostile fortifications, was attacked at a height of 5,000 feet by eight enemy triplanes. By skilful manoeuvring he enabled his observer to shoot down three of these out of control. Lt. McLeod was then five times wounded and a bullet had penetrated the petrol tank and set fire to his machine. He climbed out to the left bottom plane controlling the machine from the side of the fuselage and, by a shipping escape, kept the flames to one side thus enabling the observer to continue firing until the ground was reached. His observer had been wounded six times when the machine crashed on No Man's Land and Lt. McLeod, despite his own wounds, dragged him away from the burning wreckage at great personal risk from heavy enemy machine-gun fire. Although again wounded by a bomb, Lt. McLeod managed to place Lt. Hammond in comparative safety before he fell himself from exhaustion and loss of blood.

THE IMPRESSMENT OF DUTCH SHIPPING.

STRONG BRITISH REPLY TO DUTCH NOTE.

London, May 1.

The following is the continuation of the British reply to the Netherlands Note, concerning the requisitioning of Dutch shipping in Allied Ports:—

While recognising that the Dutch delegate who discussed the outstanding questions at the end of last year between the Netherlands and the Associated Governments were not plenipotentiaries, His Majesty's Government repudiates the suggestion that the negotiations were merely preliminaries upon which the Netherlands should subsequently make proposals. This view was supported by the Netherlands Government's letter to the Dutch delegates, which is quoted:—

A proposed basis of agreement was drawn up, settling the main principles, and the Dutch delegates returned to Holland to explain and obtain confirmation of their proposals. At the end of January His Majesty's Government was given to understand that the Dutch reply might be expected in a few days, and that it would be favourable. A reply, however, never came. Meanwhile, on January 20th, the arrangement of the so-called *modus vivendi* was settled, whereby certain Dutch vessels could be used immediately outside the submarine zone of which 150,000 tons might be employed for Belgian relief. On the departure of a Belgian relief ship to Holland a corresponding ship should sail from Holland to the United States. The *modus vivendi* broke down owing to German opposition. Only nine Dutch vessels out of the 65 lying in American ports had sailed by the end of February when the Netherlands requested an advance of 100,000 tons of wheat on the ground that practically all the ships had already sailed.

The reply points out that the Dutch Note of March 30th produces the impression that when the Associated Governments ultimately requisitioned the Dutch tonnage, the step taken was entirely unexpected. Yet, explicit intimations, to the effect that if the agreement was not reached other measures must be taken, were conveyed to the Netherlands on March 8th and 12th. Moreover, on March 1st the Netherlands' delegate, remaining in London, was informed that it looked as if it would reciprocally relieve the situation if the tonnage was requisitioned, but two months elapsed during which the Netherlands Government was materially changed.

Nevertheless, the Associated Governments, who would have greatly preferred an arrangement by mutual consent, made another determined effort to reach a satisfactory conclusion by submitting a proposal which the Netherlands Government accepted in form on March 17th, but coupled with conditions which made the acceptance nugatory.

The Netherlands implied that the new conditions were necessary from the point of view of neutrality. This was not supported by International Law. It was merely a rule which the Netherlands Government had made for themselves, as the Dutch Foreign Minister had himself stated.

The rejection of the British offer made the requisitioning of tonnage inevitable, unless a state of things was to continue which was the object of the Central Powers to achieve, namely, the immobilisation of Dutch shipping.

The Note recalls the fact that the Associated Governments were very liberal in the conditions that they granted to the Netherlands for the use of the requisitioned ships and their intimations to the Netherlands of their readiness to facilitate the carriage of grain to Holland by the Dutch vessels now at Buenos Aires, Savannah and Curacao.

The British Note refutes the assertion of the Dutch Note that negotiations for an economic agreement for the import into Holland of large quantities of food and other necessities had been abruptly terminated by the action of the Associated Governments and declares there is no obstacle to the continuation of the negotiations at any date, and if the negotiations proceed any further and a final arrangement is not reached the responsibility would not rest with the Associated Governments.

The reply deals at considerable length with the Netherlands' contention that the right of *arguy* is obsolete, and quotes numerous International jurists disproving the assertion and shows that it was employed on various occasions and particularly mentioned in a number of modern treaties.

The Note concludes with an expression of hope that the explanation given will remove from the mind of the Netherlands Government and the Dutch people any misconceptions regarding the proceedings taken by the Associated Governments, and it will be realised that the latter have done everything in their power to render the action that they were compelled to take and which in their opinion is fully justified, under International Law, as little injurious as possible to the Netherlands' interests.

LEAVE TO SOLDIERS IN FRANCE.

London, May 1.

In the House of Commons, Mr. H. B. Watt (Liberal M.P. for Collyer) urged that soldiers who had been sent to France after serving three years in Gallipoli, Egypt and Palestine should be granted leave when circumstances permitted.

Mr. Macpherson replied that all leave from France was at present suspended, but cases such as Mr. Watt's mentioned would be sympathetically considered by Sir Douglas Haig as soon as circumstances permitted.

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AUCKLAND, May 1.

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NO NEW EXPLOSIVE USED BY ENEMY.

London, May 1.

Replying in the House of Commons to Mr. Gilbert (Liberal M.P. for Newington), Mr. Macpherson stated that it did not appear that there was any evidence of the enemy using any new kind of explosive or gas since March 21st.

H.M.S. VINDICTIVE.

SHOULD SHE REMAIN UNREPAIRED?

London, May 1.

In the House of Commons, Dr. Macpherson stated that the Government were considering whether to leave H.M.S. Vindictive unrepaid as an example of disrepair to the public.

ANOTHER CONTRIBUTION BY ZANZIBAR.

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London, May 2.

The Government has gratefully accepted £20,000 from the Government of Zanzibar towards the cost of the war making £70,000 altogether.

AMERICA'S MAN-POWER.

VIGOROUS EFFORT TO HELP ALLIES.

WASHINGTON, May 1.

In the Senate three Bills have been introduced to increase America's man power. One Bill authorises the President to immediately call up 1,500,000 men under the selected draft system, the second proposes adding 3,000,000 men and third proposes increasing the army to 5,000,000.

The Government is studying other proposals to increase the Army which are likely to entirely replace the success of the shipbuilding programme.

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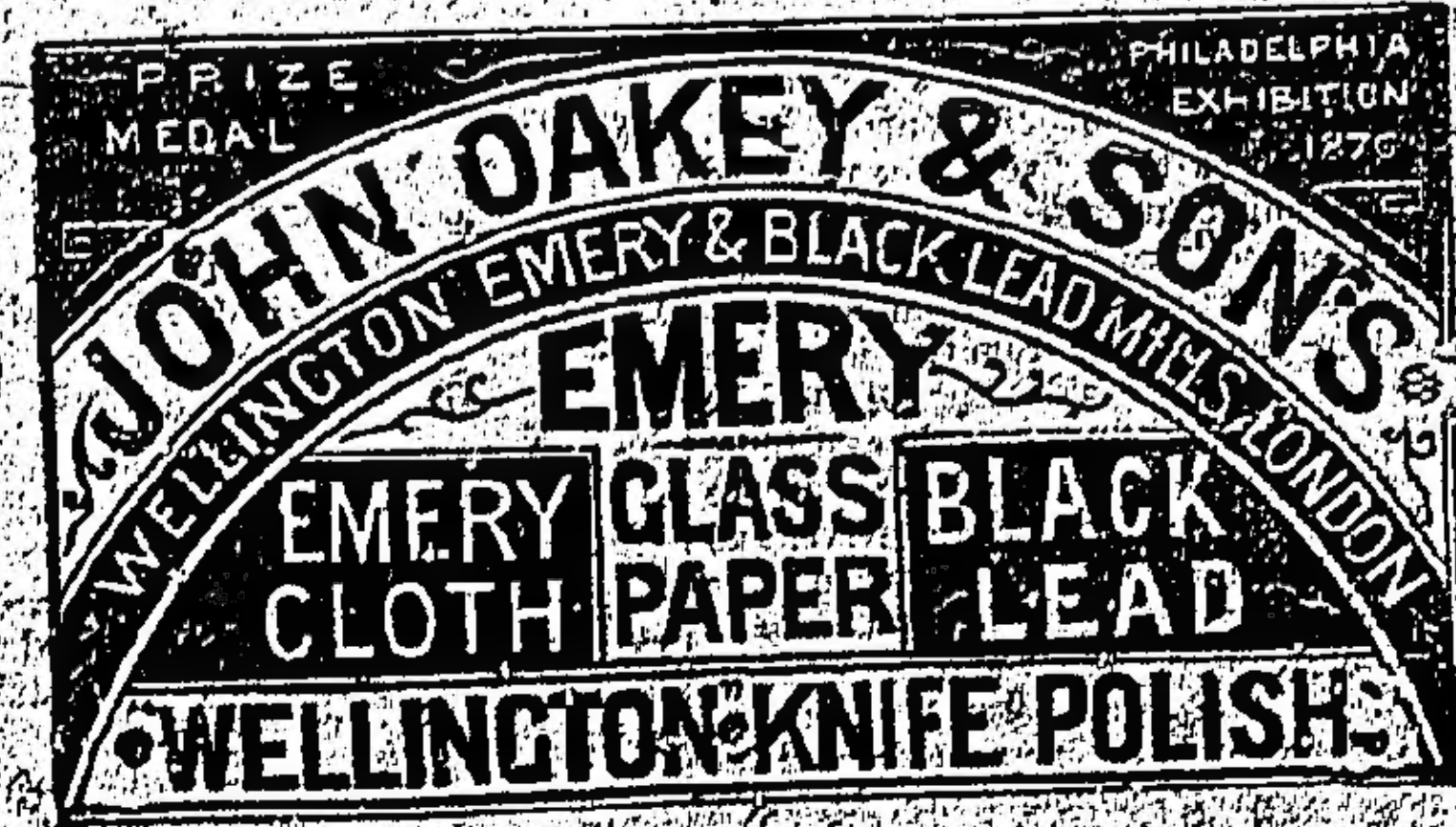
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TELEGRAMS.

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KAISER AND EMPEROR KARL TO MEET.

FAR REACHING POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT FORESHADOWED.

[AMSTERDAM, May 2.] It is reported from Vienna that the Emperor Karl and the Premier Baron Burian will shortly visit the Kaiser at German Headquarters. Far-reaching political importance is attached to the meeting.

INDIA'S MAN-POWER.

OFFERED TO THE EMPIRE.

[LONDON, May 1.] The Press Bureau states that the Viceroy has transmitted to the Delhi Conference the unanimous resolution of loyal response to His Majesty's message, and its assurance will be utilised to the utmost in the cause for which the Empire is fighting.

THE LATEST MESOPOTAMIA SUCCESS.

[LONDON, May 1.] A Mesopotamia official message says: We reached the Taur river on Tuesday and captured twelve more soldiers on April 27th. The prisoners now number 1,800.

AMERICAN SHIPPING ENTERPRISE.

APRIL FIGURES.

[WASHINGTON, May 1.] The Shipping Board announces that 240,000 tons of new shipping has been constructed during April.

JAPAN AND GOODWILL.

[WASHINGTON, May 1.] Count Ishii, presenting his credentials to President Wilson, said he would spare no effort to strengthen and intensify the spirit of mutual appreciation happily existing between Japan and the United States. He would endeavour to deal with such questions as arise in a spirit of frank and friendly co-operation.

President Wilson replying declared that Count Ishii's appointment was added evidence of Japan's policy of peace and goodwill. He expressed a confident hope that the cordial friendship of the two countries would be greatly strengthened by our common efforts in the righteous cause in which we are engaged.

THE QUESTION OF BESSARABIA.

CLAIMED AS INALIENABLE PART OF RUMANIA.

[Moscow, May 1.] The Government has protested against the recent Rumanian announcement stating that Rumania will henceforth consider Bessarabia an inalienable part of Rumania. The protest adds that this is a flagrant violation of the agreement with Russia and the previous Rumanian Government and also a violation of the aspirations of the population of Bessarabia.

GERMAN INTRIGUERS IN U.S.A. SENTENCED.

A SYSTEM THAT CIVILISATION CANNOT TOLERATE.

[SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.] Heren Bopp and von Shick have each been sentenced to the maximum penalty, two years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$10,000.

von Brinken, the ex-German military attaché, has been sentenced to two years imprisonment; Capelle, the North German Lloyd agent, to fifteen months and the others to lesser sentences.

The Judge said the punishment was wholly inadequate. The German defendants represented a system that the civilised world cannot tolerate.

GERMAN-DUTCH SETTLEMENT REACHED.

ANNOUNCEMENT EXPECTED SHORTLY.

[LONDON, May 2.] The Dutch Rotterdam Courant reports that a mutually satisfactory arrangement has been reached between Holland and Germany and an announcement on the subject is to be expected very shortly.

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No. 4 Platoon.

No. 808 Pte. W. G. G. "A" Company, is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, to date from day of departure.

ATTACHED.

No. 801 Pte. A. W. L. Ramsey is attached to the H.K.P. (B) from 25.4.18.

PROMOTIONS—ENGINEER COMPANY.

No. 108 Corporal T. Day to be Sergeant, dated 30.4.18.

No. 104 Corporal W. E. L. Shenon to be Sergeant, dated 1.5.18.

PROMOTION—MACHINE-GUN COMPANY.

No. 732 Pte. R. Kennedy to be Lance-Corporal, dated 2.5.18.

TRANSFERS.

No. 904 Pte. W. A. Webb, "B" Company, is transferred to the Artillery Company, dated 1st May 1918.

No. 203 Pte. C. M. "A" Company, is transferred to the Engineer Company, dated 1st May 1918.

No. 451 Pte. D. M. Ross, "A" Company, is transferred to the Mounted Section, dated 1st May 1918.

INSPECTION OF ARMS.

Rifles (long) Nos. 345 and 346 must be sent to Headquarters for inspection immediately.

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LEAVE.

No. 177 Spr. P. J. Jennings, Engineer Company, is granted leave for the duration of the war, to date from date of departure.

No. 321 Pte. D. V. Seaverson, "B" Company, is granted leave for the duration of the war, to date from day of departure.

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Memuro	5 a.						
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Kuchikuni							
Osaka							
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Bunin Island							
Weinwei	5 a.	29.85	56	55	SE	2	
Hankow							
Kiang							
Kinkang							
Changsha							
Shanghai		29.85	61	91	SE	4	
Gutzlaff		29.84	56	100	SE	0	
Kinkang		29.91	69	80	SE	4	
Sharp Pk.							
Amoy		29.48	70	80	SE	1	
Swatow		29.57	70	96	SE	1	
Taihook		29.67	72	92	SE	4	
Taihook		29.67	72	92	SE	4	
Taihook		29.67	72	92	SE	4	
Tainan		29.87	73		SE	0	
Koshun		29.88	73		SE	2	
Pescadore.		29.87	73		SE	2	
Canton	5 a.	29.83	73	90	SE	2	
Tokoro		29.84	73	92	SE	4	
Gap Rock		29.85	73	92	SE	4	
Macao		29.84	73	94	SE	4	
Wuchow	9 a.						
Pakhoi							
Hoihow							
Poulsen	7 a.	29.73	77	94	SE	6	
Tokoro		29.84	73	92	SE	4	
C. St. James		29.75	73		SE	2	
Apurri	5 a.	29.64	76	83	SE	2	
Daupuan		29.81	72	88	SE	1	
Manila		29.79	73	87	SE	2	
Laguaira		29.79	73	87	SE	2	
Sancti Spiritus		29.75	77	89	N	2	
Surigao							
Gupuan		4.50					
Laguaira		29.73	80	96	SE	2	